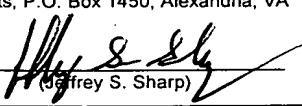




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Filed: February 25, 2005

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For: DEVICE FOR STABILIZING
AND/OR POSITIONING A
METAL TOOL IN A BODY CAVITY

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Japanese-language reference W (JP 10511589T) discloses an expandable multifunctional instrument which includes an elongate member (12) having a distal end (20) for being introduced in the body, a proximal end for being disposed externally of the body, and an expandable member (16) for being positioned at the obstructed site. The expandable member (16) is movable at the obstructed site from a non-expanded position to an expanded position to displace anatomical tissue to create a space at the obstructed site for performing various operative procedures. A space at an obstructed site is created by expanding the

expandable member (16) at the obstructed site, and/or by introducing fluid under pressure at the obstructed site to create a space where normally no space exists.

German-language reference X (DE 3538739) discloses a catheter in which an elastic balloon can be laid like a stocking or tent around the front part of a guide wire. For inflation of the balloon the latter should be connected/bonded annularly at the back on the outer part of a disc fastened concentrically and transversely on the guide wire; this disc can simultaneously form a closure body of a frontal nozzle of the catheter. At the same time, lengthwise perforations for the supply of fluid to the balloon should be present medially in this disc. To supply the balloon the rear part of the single-lumen catheter should be closed. The reference discloses advantages of an intermittent fluid for inflation of the balloon/frontal balloon. The primary diameter of such frontal balloons on/around the front part of the guide wire is much smaller than that of the conventional balloons on the outside of the catheter, so that even very narrow stenoses to be extended can be passed by the frontal balloon on the guide wire in a better way than has hitherto been possible, for example in highly stenosing arteriosclerosis of the coronary arteries.

German-language reference Y (DE 4233809) discloses a probe (10) which includes an inflatable balloon (16) on its end. The balloon is shaped to fit the body cavity into which it will be inserted, e.g., the cervix, rectum, bladder, etc. The surgeon grasps the probe by the handgrip (18) and inserts it until it is in its intended position. Once inserted, the probe balloon is inflated using a pump (12), non-return valve (36) and pipe using a pump (12), non-return valve (36) and pipe (28), until it is touching the inside walls of the cavity. It is then retained by an anti-migration disc (15) which is compressed onto the shaft of the probe. The magnetic signal detection coil inside the balloon is connected to the MRI analysis equipment via a cable (38) and coaxial connector (40).

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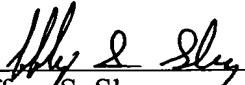
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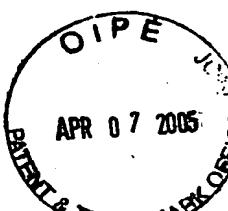
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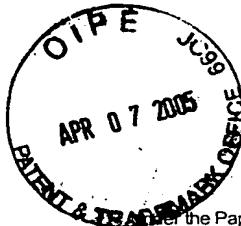
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X	DE 3538739		05-07-1987	Schubert	✓
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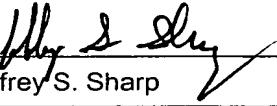
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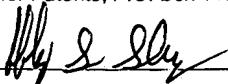
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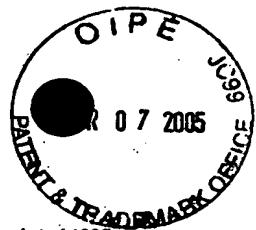
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